[14th February 1955

Pumpsets for irrigation purposes

* 684 *Q*.—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many private pumpsets for irrigation purposes are now operating in the State;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations to the effect that these pumpsets used for irrigation purposes exhaust and incidentally dry up all other sources of water in the neighbourhood of the lands where they are operating; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 31,685.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" Are the Government aware that as a result of the diversion of irrigation water to new areca gardens at a higher level, the fields lower down have actually suffered for want of water? If so, what steps the Government are going to take in the matter? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice in the matter."

Life and teachings of Sri Narayana Guru

* 685 *Q*.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, M.L.A., in September 1954, that the life and teachings of Sri Narayana Guru should be included in the curricula of our schools; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter will be considered by the Text-Book Committee."

Floods in Mannargudi and Tiruturaipundi

* 686 *Q*.—Sri C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of damage caused by floods in October 1954 in Mannargudi and Tiruthuraipundi taluks of Tanjore district;

(*b*) the relief measures undertaken by the Government; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to control such floods in future?